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SAMPLE INTO AMPHIBIAN OOCYTES)
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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in further response to the Final Office Action dated August 28, 2006, in conjunction with the response filed November 28, 2006, and a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: